**Appendix 8**

**Nottinghamshire County Council**
**Educational Visits Policy**

# Hallcroft Infant & Nursery School

# Educational Visits Policy November 2026

### Introduction

This policy template is written in accordance with Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Policy and Guidance 2025. It is essential that Governors, Headteachers, Educational Visits Coordinators and the Visit Leaders are familiar with the contents of this policy and Nottinghamshire County Council guidance before planning excursions.

### Policy Statement

The Governors and Headteacher of Hallcroft Infant & Nursery School accept their responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and subordinate health and safety legislation and acknowledge the requirement to ensure that participants are kept safe whilst on visits and journeys away from their normal place of attendance.

### Statement of Safety Policy

The Governors and Headteacher recognise that the participation of children and young people in a wide range of visits, journeys and experiences is important in promoting learning and development. As part of their responsibilities the Governors and Headteacher will take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure the health, safety and welfare of participants while travelling to, and engaged in, activities away from school whether provided by school or a contracted provider.

## Statement of safety organisation

### Organisation and responsibilities

Responsibility for all visits rests with the Governing Body and Headteachers within individual schools. The respective roles of each are outlined within Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance for Children and Young People.

The person named below will oversee and monitor this policy.

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| Katie Stacey, Chair of Governors |

### Headteacher

The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring that all visits and trips are planned, organised, controlled, monitored and reviewed in accordance to Nottinghamshire County Council guidance documents and relevant regulations.

The Headteacher must authorise all visits and where applicable seek the approval of the Local Authority for Category C events.

The Headteacher will confirm the qualifications, training records and experience of the Group Leader who will lead the specific visit and the supervisory personnel, and will approve these people as suitable to lead/supervise the visit/s.

The Headteacher will agree, with a named Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC), the duties delegated to the EVC or in absence of a EVC fulfil this function themselves.

**Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC)**

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| The School Educational Visits Coordinator is: | Jackie Gozney, Office Manager |

They will undertake duties as agreed between themselves and the Headteacher. (Reference to common duties and responsibilities should be made contained within Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance).

The EVC will be conversant with Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance as well as existing good practice, issued by Government Departments, National Governing Bodies and national interest groups (available as downloadable documents or hyperlinks within Nottinghamshire County Council's EVOLVE system).

**Visit Leader**

The Visit Leader should be conversant with Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance, service specific guidance and corporate policy and will comply with these requirements.

The Visit Leader will liaise with the EVC throughout the planning and preparation of their trip to ensure that any activities or events that may place staff or other participants at significant risk are assessed and that safety measures are in place prior to the trip taking place.

The Visit Leader will ensure that all parents of children on their trip are provided with all required information, which may include risk assessment information, and that any questions raised are answered prior to the trip taking place.

The Visit Leader named for each visit will have overall responsibility for that visit whilst it is underway.

The Visit Leader will be fully familiar with emergency procedures and contact numbers.

**Supervisory staff**

All staff assisting with supervision on any trip will be conversant with the Nottinghamshire County Council's Visits Guidance and the specific risk assessment/s for that event.

All staff will ensure that the requirements of any risk assessments, risk control procedures and safe systems are followed.

All staff will ensure that once the trip has started, where any previously unforeseen hazards or risks are identified; they are brought to the attention of the Visit Leader.

Staff will feed back information to the Visit Leader to enable a full review of the trip to be completed.

**Arrangements**

It is especially important that staff use the most up to date guidance when planning and executing visits away from their normal place of work. The online visit planning and approval system (EVOLVE) has been developed to facilitate this and is regularly updated.

Schools must use this system or implement alternative arrangements that are similarly robust.

Nottinghamshire County Council identifies 3 categories of visits within its Visits Guidance for Children and Young People, which require differing levels of approval:

Category A – Locally Approved Visits

All such events will be approved by the Headteacher and managed in school by adherence to Nottinghamshire County Council visits guidance and establishment-specific operating procedures. The use of the Local Area visit form on Evolve is strongly advised.

This school's operating procedures for visits are:

Category B - Service Approved Visits

Visits not normally forming part of your regular work, such as all-day excursions or trips.

All such events will be processed via the EVOLVE system, approved by the Headteacher and managed by adherence to Nottinghamshire County Council visits guidance and establishment specific operating procedures.

Category C Service & Local Authority Approved Visits

Residential visits, visits requiring specific competency to deliver or more hazardous events.

All such events will be processed via the EVOLVE system, approved by the Headteacher and be delivered when establishment is in receipt of Local Authority approval.

Where the school uses external providers for activity provision, suitable assurance must be sought by the school to ensure that they are suitable and appropriate for use.

Signed – Chair of Governors: ..... Date: .....

Signed – Headteacher: ..... Date: .....